

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 685 - HB 668

March 18, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that candidates for the Office of Sheriff must have at least three years of full-time experience as a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission certified law enforcement officer in the previous ten years, or at least three years of full-time experience as a state or federal certified law enforcement officer with training equivalent to training required by the POST Commission in the previous ten years.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent a candidate for sheriff is elected to the Office of Sheriff and such person does not elect to receive Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) training, or equivalent training, prior to taking office or immediately upon taking office, there could be a permissive increase in local government expenditures resulting from increased liability and an increased potential for litigation. To the extent an elected sheriff subsequently receives POST training, or equivalent training, the fiscal impact of this bill is considered not significant.

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, this bill will not fiscally impact the Department. The Department will still be required to verify that all other statutorily required qualifications are met for the candidate to be placed on the ballot.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, it is assumed persons elected sheriff will receive POST training, or equivalent training, either prior to taking office or immediately upon taking office.
- According to the State Division of Elections, this bill will not result in any significant fiscal impact to the Division.
- Removing the requirement of candidates for the Office of Sheriff to be POST-certified will not directly result in any significant fiscal impact to local government. However, in the event a candidate who is not POST-certified is elected sheriff and such person does not receive POST-certified training, or equivalent training, prior to taking office or immediately upon taking office, there could be an increase in local government expenditures resulting from increased liability and an increased potential for litigation.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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